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A former Chilean intelligence officer admitted his role in the 1976 assassination of former Chilear ambassador Orlando Letelier and said he understood that President Augusto Pinochet was linked to the plot. Armando Fernandez Larios, 37, pleaded guilty to a federal charge of being an accessory after the fact to the murder of Letelier, who died when a bomb planted underneath his car exploded Sept. 21, 1976, on Washington's Embassy Row. Fernandez admitted that he traveled to Washington under a false passport, learned the location of Letelier's office and residence and gave his surveillance notes to Michael V. Townley, a fellow agent. The American-born Townley pleaded guilty in 1978 to charg-

es he planted the bomb.

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